

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, April 27, 2010
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Carlson, Daniels, C. Roberts, R. Roberts, Sych
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Gandy, Way
 - C. Guests:
 - D. Public Attendance: 8 CMU Students
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – No changes made and the agenda was approved as presented.
 - B. Approval of Minutes -- A motion was made by Comm. Daniels, second by Comm. C. Roberts to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 18, 2010.
MOTION CARRIED.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following items:
 - Master Plan, good through 2014, was accepted by the DNRE.
 - Grub damage – staff treating areas in downtown, ball fields, soccer facilities and city hall.

Comm. C. Roberts had concerns with the use of chemicals in the parks, as well as alerting the public as to when the treatments would occur. Director Bundy has MSDS sheets available for review and a press release will be written, along with signage to be used when chemicals are to be applied.
 - Spray Park is scheduled to open for the season on May 22nd.
 - Park Rangers (3) and park police officer (1) have been hired and will start a regular schedule in the next few weeks.

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- Working with Vietnam Vets on concrete near memorial building.
 - Shuffle boarders starting soon; Parks staff helping with maintenance on courts.
 - Nelson Park fountain is up and running. Deer pen and fencing have been removed and grass planted in that area.
 - Work in progress on updated crosswalk near Broadway and railroad crossing area, updating the handicap accessibility and mid-block signage.
 - Oak Street Bridge has been removed for repair. Looking at mid-June for replacement.
 - Tennis court fencing, nets and paint going out to bid in early May.
 - Staff working on plans for Chipp-a-Waters Park road work, including curb and gutter, giving more defined and handicap accessible parking areas. This will be bid in May and awarded in June, with work to take place in September.
 - Staff also working on tree trimming in Island Park and identifying trees affected by the emerald ash borer, removing and replanting.
- B. Recreation – Interim Director Susanne Gandy reported on her “interim” position and the plans to replace/reorganize position, as well as reporting on the following programs:
- PEAK – afterschool numbers down overall compared to last year.
 - ✓ Girls on the Run 5K to be held at Island Park May 15th.
 - ✓ Summer Enrollments ongoing as well as staff recruitment.
 - ✓ PEAK 5K run and recreatetoday.com garage sale to be held at Island Park this Saturday, May 1st.
 - ✓ Received \$500 donation from CMU women's basketball team and NCAA for the pack Rose Arena initiative.
 - ✓ Received \$1,694 from Antonio Brown fundraiser.
 - T-ball coaches meeting held 4/21. There are 18 teams with a total of 233 children enrolled.
 - Spring soccer at an all time high participation with 12 teams and a total of 148 enrolled.

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- Adult softball team registration under way. 56 teams enrolled so far; last year there were 66 total teams. City sponsored a team as part of the wellness initiative.
- Last month's teen events included flashlight egg hunt (over 100 participants) and Tropical Smoothie Café.
- Earth Day celebration held at Island Park 4/24; participation down due to poor weather conditions.
- Great Egg Scramble held at Finch Fieldhouse on 4/3; The Morning Sun published a video on their website and Director Gandy played the video for the Commissioners.
- Skate War III – Event is tentatively scheduled for July 16-17-18. Staff working with event coordinator and city police to ensure all details are worked out prior to final approval.
- 2010 Recreation Goals – In keeping with the City Comm. Vision, one of the recreation goals for 2010 is to develop alternate funding sources to enhance and sustain overall recreation department service level. Recreation staff is looking to develop request for proposals for concessions and photography, as well as develop a model for sponsorships, donations and partnerships.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Access Recreation Trail – Comm. Daniels asked about trail sponsorships. Mr. Bundy replied that this intent was built into the grant and over time, partnerships will be developed to work on the trail. Grand opening scheduled for June 26th. Trail ready to be paved, need dry weather.
- B. Cell Tower – Water Dept. in charge of project. Original base needed to be re-done as wrong concrete mix used in original base. Tower scheduled to be installed the first week of May. Parks Dept. will work with contractor on plantings in the area.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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